Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 1 is a perspective view of apparatus for producing a printing plate in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken along line II-II in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary section view showing a clamping device with which printing plates can be arranged on the carrier cylinder; ~~and~~

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary schematic view depicting an external flexible drive for connecting the drive motor to a journal of the carrier cylinder when the drive motor is located in the frame;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to that of Fig. 2 with a carrier cylinder having a larger diameter than that shown in Fig. 2; and

Fig. 6 is a view similar to that of Fig. 2 with an intermediate sleeve having a different diameter than that of Fig. 2.--

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

--An example of the external flexible drive arrangement is depicted in Fig. 4. Motor 8 is mounted to frame 2. A toothed belt 30 runs around toothed ~~gears~~ gear 34 on the motor and toothed gear 36 on the journaled part 39 of the carrier cylinder spindle and thereby transmits drive to the carrier cylinder from the motor.--

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

--The carrier cylinder 1 can also be replaced by a carrier cylinder 1.2 of a different diameter (see Fig. 5), which means that printing plates 16.4 of different formats can have images set on them by the image-setting device. Depending on the diameter of the carrier cylinder 1, 1.2, the image-setting device is moved radially towards the carrier cylinder 1 or 1.2 or away from the latter. The carriage 14 has a transverse support 19 for this purpose and is designed as a cross slide, as it is known.--

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--Printing plates 16.4 of different formats can also be clamped on a carrier cylinder 1.3 if the carrier cylinder 1.3 bears an intermediate sleeve 20 (shown by thin lines in Fig. 2), on which the printing plate 16.4 is clamped. After the intermediate sleeve 20 has been pulled off axially and an intermediate sleeve 20.1 with a different external diameter has been pushed on, a printing plate 16.4 with a correspondingly different format can be clamped on the carrier cylinder 1.3 (see Fig. 6). The printing-plate sleeves 16, 16.1, 16.2, 16.4, 16.5 to be clamped on can be of seamless or seamed design. The printing plate can also be engraved directly into the surface of a carrier cylinder 1.4, for example as a gravure printing plate. Following the setting of an image, carrier cylinder 1.4 is then removed from the image-setting device and inserted into the printing unit of a printing machine. The various types of printing plates 16.1-16.5 and carrier cylinders can be shown using like illustrations for purposes of the

present invention. Accordingly, the item numbers for some of the alternative variants mentioned have been entered in brackets in the figures.--